

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel pending claims 1-9. Please note claim 2 was canceled in the response to office action dated July 30, 2002 and transmitted October 30, 2002. Please insert the following new claims:

10. (New) A method in a wireless communication system, comprising:
designating a multi-carrier forward link having a plurality of forward link frequency bins;
designating a plurality of reverse link frequency bins,
wherein each of the plurality of forward link frequency bins has an associated reverse link frequency bin.
11. (New) The method of claim 10 further comprising:
selecting a first forward link frequency bin from the plurality of forward link frequency bins for forward link transmission, the first forward link frequency bin having an associated first reverse link frequency bin; and
selecting a second reverse link frequency bin for reverse link transmission corresponding to the forward link transmission wherein the second reverse link frequency bin is different from the first reverse link frequency bin.
12. (New) The method of claim 11 wherein the selecting a second reverse link frequency bin is based on loading of the system.
13. (New) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
selecting a third reverse link frequency bin for reverse link transmission corresponding to the forward link transmission,
wherein the third reverse link frequency bin is different from the first and second reverse link frequency bins.

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14. (New) The method in accordance with claim 10, wherein said plurality of forward link frequency bins comprise three frequency bins.

15. (New) The method in accordance with claim 10, wherein said plurality of forward link frequency bins are adjacent frequency bins.

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16. (New) The method in accordance with claim 11, wherein said multi-carrier forward link is adapted for transmission of a plurality of code channels, wherein one of said plurality of code channels is used to communicate power control information for said second reverse link frequency bin.

17. (New) A method in a wireless communication system, comprising:
receiving communications on a multi-carrier forward link, the multi-carrier forward link having a plurality of forward link frequency bins,
wherein each of the plurality of forward link frequency bins has an associated reverse link frequency bin.

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18. (New) The method of claim 17, further comprising:
receiving a communication on a forward link frequency bin, the forward link frequency bin having an associated first reverse link frequency bin;
transmitting via a second reverse link frequency bin, wherein said second reverse link frequency bin is different from the first reverse link frequency bin.

19. (New) The method as in claim 19, further comprising:
receiving an indication of a reverse link frequency bin.

20. (New) An apparatus in a wireless communication system, comprising:

means for transmitting information on a multi-carrier forward link, wherein
said multi-carrier forward link comprises a plurality of forward link
frequency bins; and

means for designating a reverse link frequency bin associated with each of
said plurality of said forward link frequency bins;

21. (New) The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising:

means for selecting a first forward link frequency bin from the plurality of
forward link frequency bins for forward link transmission, the first forward
link frequency bin having an associated first reverse link frequency bin;

and

means for selecting a second reverse link frequency bin for reverse link
transmission corresponding to the forward link transmission wherein the second reverse
link frequency bin is different from the first reverse link frequency bin.